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### **Hart Named Interim Human Services Director**

Cindy Hart, Snohomish County's deputy director of facilities management, will temporarily lead the county's Human Services Department while a nationwide search is conducted to permanently fill the position.

Hart was hired this summer following a 12-year career with Intermec of Everett, where she was a director and senior manager of employee services. She has served as deputy director under Facilities Director Mark Thunberg.

"Cindy has shown herself to be an effective manager since coming to work for the county," said County Executive Aaron Reardon. "I'm pleased she's accepted this temporary task. I know the department will be in good hands during the interim."

Reardon said he hopes to quickly transition to a new director so that the office can move forward on an ambitious agenda for 2008. Among the priorities is expansion of programs related to affordable housing, veteran's assistance and homelessness.

"Next year will prove to be an important one for this office as we look to advance the quality of life for those in difficult situations," Reardon said.

Snohomish County's human service mission is to help all persons meet their basic needs and develop their potential. Some of the programs include:

- Employment and community support programs for persons with developmental disabilities and their families;
- Services to help low-income households overcome barriers preventing economic improvement;
- 24-hour services for persons in either a mental-health or drug- and alcohol-related crisis;
- Early childhood education programs for low-income families.

Hart brings to the human-services office experience in these fields. While at Intermec, she partnered with the Lynnwood-based Work Opportunities, which provides vocational services to persons with disabilities. Together, they created a dedicated team of disabled workers to provide assembly support.

She also has served as an Edmonds School District volunteer, spending time at Lynndale Elementary School assisting fifth grade classrooms with WASL math and science test preparation.

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